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SUBJECT: RAMON TAMAMES

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1. WE THINK IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT TAMAMES IN THE STATES. HIS APPEARANCE, IF PRESS REPORTS ARE ACCURATE, AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW. MOREOVER, TO THROW HIM OUT PROBABLY WOULD SERVE HIS PURPOSES MUCH BETTER THAN SUCH PUBLICITY AS ACCRUES TO HIM BY HAVING VISITED THE STATES. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HE PLANS TO BE THERE, BUT GIVEN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SPAIN, WE WOULD GUESS THAT HE IS LIKELY TO RETURN SHORTLY.

2. UPON HIS RETURN, HOWEVER, SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WE PROPOSE TO REVOKE HIS VISA AND SO INFORM HIM, TELLING HIM THAT HE IS INELIGIBLE AS AN AVOWED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO AGAIN ENTER THE UNITED STATES AND THAT ANY FUTURE APPLICATION FOR A VISA WOULD HAVE TO BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LAW AND REGULATIONS.

3. WE INFORMED MFA (ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NORTH AMERICAN AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, MARIANO BERDEJO) THAT TAMAMES WAS IN THE STATES ON AN OLD VISA, WHICH WE WOULD TELL PRESS IF THERE WERE ANY QUERIES, AND THAT SMITHSONIAN HAD NOT REPEAT NOT INVITED HIM, BUT
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WE COULD NOT BE SURE WHAT ELSE HE WAS GOING TO DO.

TO DATE WE HAVE HAD NO REPEAT NO PRESS QUERIES, A FACT WHICH
SUPPORTS THE THESIS THAT WE SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO STIR
UP PUBLIC INTEREST, WHICH HAS BEEN MINIMAL TO DATE.
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